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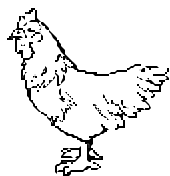
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were unchanged when compared to previous week. Trade sentiment was steady to at times about steady. Demand into all areas covered the full range with best movement into retail and fast food where ads and promotions were present. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate or available for light trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were close balanced to short and moving well. Dark meat and wings were adequate to fully sufficient with mixed interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular, but mostly desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 04/08/02-04/13/02 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	44.00-47.00	46.00	11	50.26	33
Chicago	42.00-45.00	44.88	42	46.93	78
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	52.24	21
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	55.40	10
Denver	66.50	66.50	18	65.45	20
Detroit	44.00	45.80	10	51.13	41
Los Angeles	67.00	63.97	76	61.75	197
New York	44.00-46.00	45.86	21	46.63	42
Philadelphia	44.00-46.00	44.58	12	44.50	21
Pittsburgh	44.00-45.50	44.59	11	52.46	57
St. Louis	44.50-44.75	44.31	19	46.58	39
San Francisco	67.50	66.32	30	64.79	79

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	04/22/02	Change/Last Wk	04/15/02	04/23/01
628	53.09	-1.00	54.09	58.95

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	48.00-50.00	49.50	32
Central	46.00-54.00	51.08	63
West	47.00-60.00	57.86	40

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	59.00-62.00	61.29	82
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
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1,164	42.00-64.50	61.03
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The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	179.00	1,494
BREASTS - B/S	134.00	4,929
BREASTS - WHOLE	66.50	1,155
THIGH MEAT - B/S	82.50	817
LEG QUARTERS	20.00	9,447
WINGS	65.00	3,386

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate as dealers cautiously assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about fair. The market tone was steady. In the parts complex, breast items were no more than adequate to closely cleared. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings were available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally steady. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate with best interest going for retail ads and fast food promotions. Also, high optimism is present for the upcoming weeks due to major holidays next month and onset of spring weather. Supplies of all sizes were at least sufficient or available for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items had strong movement with supplies close to well cleared, often tight of an improved call. Dark meat was mostly adequate, and wings were readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading reported on regular commitments for this week's delivery were at mainly unchanged prices, however new negotiations were at generally unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were ample overall for immediate needs. Buying interest was fair to fairly good. Demand by stores for whole body product was good to cover features in progress and those planned to break later in the week otherwise moderate at best, restaurant demand was fairly good best for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Parts trading reported for this week's delivery were at 20-22.5 for bulk leg quarters, 23-24.5 for bagged 4/10 leg quarters, 69-74 for bone-in breasts and 117-125 for boneless breasts. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up .44 to 51.26 but the volume reported was down 13 percent to 27 loads in comparison to last week.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were unchanged into all areas with Ohio TFEWR. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was mostly steady. Offerings were varied, mostly light and spotty. Retail demand was generally light, instances good reported in the Chicago area. Food service movement was fairly good overall with best call into fast food outlets. Floor stocks were in close balance to fully adequate. Weights were desirable. The market tone was fully steady on breast items, unsettled on wings, and steady to fully steady on leg quarters.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as fair. Seller offerings varied by both size and volume and were fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 47 to 61 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, supplies of boneless skinless and bone-in breasts were closely cleared to short. Leg quarters and wings were fully adequate.

***BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.**

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	39-63
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	48.45
NO. OF BOXES	9,700

*8 of 8 plants reporting:

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate entering the week as dealers assessed the market and purchased accordingly. Offerings of breast items remained closely cleared. Legs and leg quarters were at least sufficient. Wings were available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was about moderate, with best draw noted into planned features. The market tone remained fully steady to firm on breast items and about steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	128.52	376,040
TENDERLOINS	125-130	134.64	115,280
BREAST - WITH RIBS	63-64	69.04	214,520
BREAST - LINE RUN	63	65.57	185,000
LEGS	32-33	34.20	182,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	17-18	19.52	438,108
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.62	84,750
THIGHS	25-26	27.80	83,660
B/S THIGHS	81-82	80.14	41,160
WINGS (WHOLE)	58-59	63.71	284,960
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.27	23,360
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.87	10,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.84	21,520

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	918	110.00-135.00	115-125	118.87
TENDERLOINS	365	130.00-195.00	130	140.80
BREAST - WITH RIBS	134	60.00-86.00	60	69.74
FRONT HALVES		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEGS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	852	15.00-17.50	15-16	15.59
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	3,057	17.00-19.00	19	18.96
WINGS (WHOLE)		NO TRADING REPORTED		
DRUMSTICKS		NO TRADING REPORTED		
THIGHS	1,570	23.00-40.00	23-25	24.06

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	04/22	04/18	04/18	04/15	04/11
ALA	4,087	4,053	4.96	3,972	4.98
ARK	5,372	5,290	4.76	5,261	4.88
DELMARVA	2,358	2,036	5.03	2,371	5.11
KY-LA-TN	2,061	2,053	4.46	1,893	4.45
MISS	2,615	2,840	5.33	2,695	5.23
NC	2,681	2,636	5.93	2,539	6.04
TEXAS	2,444	2,424	4.85	2,427	4.85
TOTAL	21,618	21,332	5.03	21,158	5.07
MON	21,618(A)			21,158(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 22-Apr 2002 is estimated to be 32,343,000 up 1.87 percent from a week ago and up 3.71 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,750,000, last year 31,186,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	842	115.00-189.00	124-130	131.44
TENDERLOINS	102	135.00-195.00	135-141	151.55
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	64.00-69.00	67-69	67.12
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	88	26.00-35.00	26-28	26.82
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	348	15.00-18.00	15-16	15.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,319	17.00-25.50	19-20	19.92
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	51.00-68.00	65-68	65.39
WINGS (CUT)	463	69.00-77.00	70-73	72.71
DRUMSTICKS	68	35.00-41.00	-	35.71
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR APRIL 22, 2002 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
33.50 - 37.50	34.99	35.33

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF 22-APR - 26-APR 2002 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	110.00 - 137.00	120.00 - 130.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	62.00 - 84.00	63.00 - 68.00
LEGS	29.00 - 45.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 26.00	17.00 - 18.00
DRUMSTICKS	28.00 - 40.00	-
THIGHS	23.00 - 39.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	48.00 - 66.00	57.00 - 61.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 42.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80-83
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	85
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)	
FRESH FRYERS	83-91
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	94-101
	ICE PACK	92-93
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-APR-2002				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.50-14.00	12.75-13.00	976,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.38	12.90		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00	9.00-13.00	912,000	312,000
WTD AVERAGE	12.00	11.43		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was fair for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were moderate with processing schedules providing fully adequate supplies of product. Trade sentiment was barely steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-APR-02

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5.5-12	7-9	8.92

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

19-APR-2001				
CHICKEN				
PRICES (Cents per Pound)				
FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED PRICES (Cents per Pound)

FAT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
CONTENT				
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	11.00-14.00	12.00	183,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	12.50	12.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	11.00	9.00-12.00	1,264,800	448,800
WTD AVERAGE	11.00	10.31		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	9.00	40,800	-
WTD AVERAGE		9.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the at least adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to instances heavy. Offerings increased in availability and clearances were irregular. The undertone was cautiously steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 22-APR-02.

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.5	8.5-9	8.63
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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